

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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At the meeting of the Police Commission on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, the following resolution was adopted:

Sergeant Stacy Youngblood Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 21-40

Chief William Scott Chief of Police

Dear Chief Scott:

APPROVAL TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION HONORING ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER POLICE OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL AND PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY AS ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC **ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Community has contributed to the social, economic, cultural, and political advancement of the United States, California, and San Francisco for more than 170 years;

WHEREAS, in San Francisco, Asian American Pacific Islanders have played an important role in creating the cultural identity of the City, make up 37% of the City's population, and are over 23% of the Officers in the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD);

WHEREAS, Herb Lee, the first Chinese American police officer in the SFPD joined the Department in 1957, served an exemplary 30-year career, started the PAL Fishing Program that took thousands of underprivileged youths and adults fishing on his boat "Ah Choo," and inspired other Asian American Pacific Islander police officers and personnel into the SFPD such as Chiefs Fred Lau and Heather Fong;

WHEREAS, AAPI police officers and personnel continue to serve with honor and distinction, and strive for excellence in Public Safety in the 21st Century, including training other law enforcement agencies in Crisis Intervention Training and worked to End Asian Hate Crimes;

WHEREAS, AAPI police officers and personnel of the SFPD have continued to be a vital link to immigrants in the AAPI Community, providing language access and cultural competency in policing to build trust, in addition to ensuring public safety in all neighborhoods in San Francisco;

WHEREAS, the AAPI police officers and personnel has continued to build trust in the Community by supporting cultural and special events in San Francisco, such as the Annual Chinese New Year Parade, Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival, the Nihonmachi Street Fair, Asian Heritage Street Celebration, Special Olympics Northern California's Law Enforcement Torch Run, Autumn Moon

Festivals, Kimochi's Sansei Live Fundraiser For Seniors, Working with SF SAFE and District Attorneys on Blessing Scam Awareness Campaign, Self-Help for the Elderly's Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon, Community Youth Center Fundraiser, Pistahan Parade and Festival, Chinatown Child Development Center Christmas Event for New Immigrants, support AAPI scholarship events for young women and men seeking higher academic promise, and fundraisers for victims of violent crimes; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Police Department proclaim the month of May as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

AYES: Commissioners Cohen, Elias, Brookter, Hamasaki, Lee, Byrne

Very truly yours,

Sergeant Stacy Youngblood

Secretary

San Francisco Police Commission

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